

Whales appear to be advancing further south every year. A steamer arrived a

EXTENSIVE FIRE IN YOKOHAMA.—One of the most extensive conflagrations with which Yokohama has been visited for some time, occurred on the 21st inst. The fire originated in a small shop on the Creek-side, close by Kanagoe-Bashi, about about 8.30 a.m. The neighbourhood is densely populated, principally by the poorer class of shopkeepers, and artisans. Between four and five hundred houses were destroyed among them being a branch post office.

When the late Mr. J. E. Mason, the founder of the Alpha and Delta estates on Telukuri, first essayed the introduction of the tea-plant, many people ridiculed what certainly appeared at the time to be a rather Quixotic venture. But Mr. Mason brought his quest to a happy end and a sound harvest, with the result that the tea cultivation of this island is looked upon as one of the safest and best-paying industries in the little Colony.—*Indian Planter's Gazette.*

applying the recently devised "modifications," and a Royal Commission has been appointed to consider their application. The senior member of the Sir J. Bowdler G.O.M.G. and his junior, Mr. Baden Powell, M.P., C.M.G. They are to be in Malia by the 12th January.

We may have the chance of hearing a really talented singer in Hongkong before long. The *World* says:—*Don Roza*, and all success to Madame Marie Roza on the professional globe-trotting level on which she undertakes at the conclusion of her present provincial tour! For the last five years Madame Roza has been the bright particular star of the celebrated Carl Rosa troupe which she now leaves to visit the principa-

home by the P. and O. Company's route to Japan and China.

The quarantine system seems definitely to be given up in Italy. The Director General of Hygiene has lately visited different cities of South Italy, stopping for some time at Brindisi and Taranto, in which latter place he has decided to make drains along the banks of the Marepiccolo, finding it to be the source of miasma. At Brindisi, Genoa, Palermo, Venice, and Naples there will be instituted, instead of lazaretti, so many disinfecting offices, and the utmost care will be taken in inspecting the ships which arrive in these ports.

The famous *Great Eastern* steamship, which is now lying in the Clyde, has been purchased from the first mortgagee by a well-known firm of metal-brokers having establishments in London, Liverpool, and Swansea. Their Glasgow representatives are instructed to take possession of the vessel. It is understood that the huge hull is to be broken up; the cost of which operation is estimated to be from 10,000*l.* to 15,000*l.* The cost of purchase was 18,500*l.*

given to the Mission during that year, are on their way out to China. Some of the party arrived by the last P. & O. mail steamer and the remainder are coming by the next steamer. [One of those who passed through in the *Bengal*, is an artist and photographer, and his duties will be chief in obtaining accurate illustrations of Chinese and Chinese life for the publications of the Mission. — En. C.M.]

of Sir John Pope Hennessy, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Mauritius and its Dependencies, the members of Council entrusted with inquiries were properly treated and wanted nothing in regard to their lunch? Whether it was by Government authority that Mr Angus, Acting Storekeeper-General, was guilty of sending to Beau Bassin on the 14th instant, 11 sandwiches and 18 small cakes—the whole enclosed in paper—without either napkins, plates, knives or glasses? Such lunch being intended for the members of the Committee, part of a Committee entrusted with the examination of certain public works?

P. A. Muntz, M. P., had a miraculous escape from death while hunting yesterday with the Warwickshire hounds near Rugby. He was riding his horse at full gallop when he suddenly saw a hare a few yards in front of him. He pulled up his horse and fired his high leg, but the hare disappeared into a high hedge, he endeavoured to jump it, but the distance was too far, and horse and rider were precipitated head first down the cavity which was an old gravel pit 40 feet deep. Mr. Muntz was saved from certain death by falling on a projecting ledge, which broke the force of his fall. He was stunned for a time, but speedily recovered. His injuries were however, somewhat serious. His nose had been broken, his left silver eye, his eyes were blackened, and his head bruised. Thus far down on the head knaps in the

A CHINESE MAYOR.—New York, December 14. The Chinese second term politicians of Moit Street were defeated yesterday in an attempt to elect a municipal Chinaman, who will be practically Mayor of Chinatown for the remainder of 1887 and 1888. Ung Gwin, the present Chinese Mayor, whose office expired at 8 o'clock yesterday, was put up by his friends for re-election. The faction headed by the Chinese Consul, Mr. Lo, and was opposed to a strong anti-Chinese term faction, headed by Tom Lee, Tuck Hai and several others. Eloquent speeches were made by both local and imported Oriental orators, who stumped in all the joints, fan-tan and club rooms in favor of a second term. At 10 o'clock yesterday the "crucified" politicians rushed to the headquarters on Catharine Square, where, before the great, serene, just, amid burning fog-sticks, the polling took place. The anti-second termers received 219 votes to Ung Gwin's 160. The Chinese Mayor, was installed in his office, a little dark room about six by eight feet. He saw an official annual salary of about \$600.

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The reason to believe that startling and most conspicuous branches of the turf practice and flagrant breaches of the laws of racing, especially those relating to the ownership of horses by jockeys, is in possession of the Stewards' Jockey Club, these thunderbolts are likely to descend in quite unexpected quarters. I am informed that the riding licenses of at least two notorious jockeys will be withdrawn.

SUN AND TIDE TABLE FOR HONGKONG.
(From The Hongkong Almanack.)
JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

	HIGH WATER.		SUN.	
	Morn.	Aft.	Rise.	Set.
1st day of month.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	8.14	8.20	6.41	5.45
2	8.38	8.46	6.41	5.46
3	9.00	9.10	6.41	5.46
4	9.20	9.25	6.41	5.47
5	9.41	9.47	6.41	5.47
6	10.00	10.04	6.41	5.47
7	10.18	10.22	6.41	5.47
8	10.35	10.38	6.41	5.47
9	10.51	10.54	6.41	5.47
10	11.07	11.10	6.41	5.47
11	11.23	11.26	6.41	5.47
12	11.38	11.41	6.41	5.47
13	11.53	11.56	6.41	5.47
14	12.08	12.11	6.41	5.47
15	12.23	12.26	6.41	5.47
16	12.38	12.41	6.41	5.47
17	12.53	12.56	6.41	5.47
18	1.08	1.11	6.41	5.47
19	1.23	1.26	6.41	5.47
20	1.38	1.41	6.41	5.47
21	1.53	1.56	6.41	5.47
22	2.08	2.11	6.41	5.47
23	2.23	2.26	6.41	5.47
24	2.38	2.41	6.41	5.47
25	2.53	2.56	6.41	5.47
26	3.08	3.11	6.41	5.47
27	3.23	3.26	6.41	5.47
28	3.38	3.41	6.41	5.47
29	3.53	3.56	6.41	5.47
30	4.08	4.11	6.41	5.47
31	4.23	4.26	6.41	5.47

High water at Whampoa: 2 hrs. 20 mins. later than at Hongkong; at the Barrier: 3 hrs. 15 mins.; at the Salt Ponds: 2 hrs. 30 mins.; at Shansien: 3 hrs. 45 mins.

